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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of September 6, 2006, in which three-month shortened statutory period for response to expire on December 6, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection in view of the herein contained remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this response.